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Meeting Summary

November 8, 2001
Long Beach, California
10:00 a.m.

Attendance

The following primary and alternate Trustee Council members were present: Bill Conner (NOAA), Daniel Welsh (FWS), Tim Setnicka (NPS), Suzanne Goode (California Department of Parks & Recreation), Patricia Velez (California Department of Fish & Game), Jonathan Clark and Lance Kiley (State Lands Commission), Jennifer Boyce (NOAA). Also present were: Pam Castens (NOAA), John Cubit (NOAA), Roger Helm (FWS), and Kolleen Bannon (NOAA).

Administrative Issues

NOAA submitted a request for restoration planning reimbursement to the Trustee Council for the period from October 1, 2000 through May19, 2001. Cost summaries were provided to the cost work group. The work group has one month to review the documentation and will make their decision by December 8.

Pam Castens will prepare an estimated annual budget incorporating short-term contracting support until full-time staff are in place. The Trustees will make a final decision on using contract support at the next Trustee Council meeting.

Staffing update

Fish & Wildlife Service: Dan Welsh reported that one qualified applicant applied for the first advertised position but accepted another position in the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office. FWS will now be advertising the position to all status and non-status applicants through OPM. FWS also will be looking for alternate lists to post the position. Dan Welsh estimates that the position will be filled sometime after Christmas.

Fish & Game: Patty Velez reported that the State has issued a hiring freeze through June, 2003. Patty will look into alternate vehicles, such as a possible exemption, to hire a Fish & Game employee.

Outreach staff person: Pam Castens suggested that the Council consider using temporary contract support for outreach efforts until a permanent outreach staff person can be hired. Pam will develop a statement of work for outreach support through April, 2002. Lance Kiley will look into hiring an outreach person through the State Lands Commission. If Lance determines that SLC cannot hire such a person then Tim Setnicka will look into hiring someone through the National Park Service.

Angler update: Pam Castens raised concerns that the geographic and ethnic composition of Los

Angeles anglers may have changed substantially since the last survey that was conducted ten years ago. The Trustees agreed that some type of small pilot survey should be conducted to determine if there have been such changes. A work group consisting of Patty Velez, Jennifer Boyce, and John Cubit will meet to determine how to proceed with the survey.

Industrial Economics Task Order Work Plan

Fish Sampling Plan and Scientific Review Board

The Trustee Council allocated $140,000.00 to IEc to prepare the fish sampling plan and to cover the scientific review board and associated IEc management costs at the August 21 Trustee Council meeting. IEc submitted their task order work plan with a total budget of $201,000.00. IEc is currently in the process of revising the task order work plan to determine if it can adjust its budget. The Trustees have agreed to wait until IEc provides the Council with the final revised budget before it will vote on allocating additional funds.

Restoration Planning Process

Pam Castens provided the Trustee Council with a synopsis of the public scoping meetings. On October 29 Pam Castens, John Cubit, Jennifer Boyce, Patty Velez and Fred Shaufler from the EPA met with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Program Technical Advisory Committee (SMBRP TAC). The SMBRP TAC suggested that the Trustees should consider refining their restoration planning goals and objectives and suggested coordinating several public workshop roundtables to address these issues.

Pam Castens provided two restoration plan options to the Trustee Coucil. First, a conceptual plan with with limited detail. Second, a more detailed plan that lists specific restoration projects. The Council unanimously agreed to prepare a more detailed restoration plan.

Next meeting:

The next Montrose Trustee Council meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2002 in Long Beach, CA.